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We have read the address of the Hon. Joseph E. McDonald on the Tariff question. Like everything that emanates from the ex-Senator, this address is a very able and exceedingly thoughtful utterance. But in our humble judgment our distinguished friend is not setting his feet in the path of success. The late Benjamin Franklin said that statesmanship was the art of apprehending the spirit of the time in which one lived. The spirit of our time does not run in the direction suggested by ex-Senator McDonald. American society is a fabric more or less isolated from the universal society of the world.

This is true not less because of industrial than of political conditions. The Tariff, whether the Protective idea, which the existing Tariff but imperfectly expresses, is one of the foundations of the structure of American society. It is to a great extent the regulator of the wages paid to Americans workingmen. Upon the scale of wages fixed by the operations of the Tariff is based a certain style of living. These are simple, practical facts, and no reasoning, however acute or brilliant, can wipe them out.

Here, for example, is an esteemed fellow-citizen. He works in a rolling mill. His wages are \$2.25 a day. He produces a commodity which is protected by the Tariff. Competing with him is a British workingman, whose wages are 6 shillings—say \$1.15 a day. The esteemed fellow-citizen lives in a comfortable house. His floors are carpeted. He has a Sunday suit of clothes. His wife has a silk dress. His children go to school. He eats beefsteak and drinks coffee—likewise now and then a cocktail. On the whole, he is pretty well to do.

But his British competitor lives in a tenement. His floor is bare. His wardrobe is not extensive. His wife would be astonished at the idea of a silk dress. His children, as soon as they get big enough to reel a bobbin, go to work in a factory. He eats bread and cheese and drinks cheap beer.

This is one of the effects of the Tariff. At all events, the American workingman thinks it is. And no statesman has ever succeeded in convincing him to the contrary.

Hence it is that "Tariff for Revenue only" is not a platform to win. The dominating American idea is that American Labor must be protected. It is a dogma. The American workingman will always vote for his dogma. If pushed he would probably fight for it. It is, therefore, useless for statesmen to try to argue him out of it. He is joined to his idol and he will make bad work with any statesman who tries to separate him from it.

The PARTIES engaged in the disgraceful conspiracy of Friday are "masking bats" to try and break the force of public opinion which so firmly condemns their outrageous action. Mr. Blunt, one of the prosecutors, explains that it was intended to arrest the parties at 10 o'clock in the morning on "informations," but it was concluded that warrants must be used and that it required a large force until late at night to prepare them. This explanation explains the consultation between Bliss and Snell and shows that Snell informed Bliss that "informations" would meet the same fate in his court that they did in the higher one. The judge instructs the prosecution how to proceed if the victim may not escape.

Next comes Capt. Prince, clerk of the Police Court and factotum for Judge Suell. He declares that it is not the first time that Judge Suell has been consulted by prosecutors, and cites two previous cases. So much the worse for Snell. We had supposed he had been guilty of only one such outrage; according to his factotum it is a habit of his. The defense is about the same as if a woman who had been accused of unchastity defended herself by pleading previous acts of similar character.

It is now two days since our esteemed contemporary, the Post, has been heard to lift up its Democratic voice and howl about the wrongs of Republican statesmen in the matter of committee assignments. We said at the start that Gen. Keifer's committee would, as it were, grow up with the country. Those statesmen who took the country into their confidence and advised a grievance probably wouldn't do it again if they had to commence anew.

As a matter of fact, the public is not sympathetic. This is a very cold world. Wherefore it frequently happens that an individual, albeit eminent, receives a shock of astonishment at the stillness with which the people receive his complaints. It is not well, when one has been kicked, to go about exhibiting the lump raised by the concussion.

An interesting case has come up in Cincinnati. Prins, the Post's Post, has been duly convicted of an outrage—a assault and a murder, and has been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for the first offense and to death for the second. Between the prisoner and the authorities a lively dispute has arisen as to the time at which the second sentence is to be carried out. Heretofore, Heretofore, is of opinion that he should be done to death, and declares that he can wait, and that he can wait, that if he is despatched for the second crime it will be impossible for him to explain the first offense; hence there will ensue a miscarriage of justice. The authorities are represented as being in a dilemma.

Henry Benner was engaged to marry Viola Van Buren at Delaware, Ohio. He got into trouble at a hotel, and the information to which he had taken her, and she fled to let him escort her home. He never returned to her, and soon married another girl. Viola now sues him for damages, and the courts will be called on to decide whether her action on the occasion of his drunkenness amounted in law to releasing him from his marriage engagement.

Trouble seems to be brewing in Ireland. Mr. Gladstone is determined to bring about bloodshed if possible. The godless peasant cannot bear everything, appears to be the prelate's motto, and he is anxious for some excuse to gloss over his cowardly conduct.

We are informed that Glendale is a great apple-eater. He eats a half of a peck a day. This is another reason why he should be removed. Apples are too scarce this season.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

DINING WITH GIANTS.

Capt. and Mrs. Martin Van Buren Rates Entertain Some of Their Friends.

Capt. and Mrs. Martin Van Buren Bates, the giants entertained some friends at dinner in Brooklyn last night. As the giants reached the door of the dining-room they bowed, an act which was at the same time a greeting and a necessary preliminary to eating. It was a question whether both should sit at one end of the table, but they managed it.

The first course consisted of small oysters on the half shell. It was pleasant to behold the grace with which Mrs. Martin Van Buren Bates conveyed the small oysters from the plate away off to her lips.

"This table," said the captain, "is to be held in proportion. When I was in the war I had a hard time to get accommodations to suit my size. For instance, if I was lying down beside a camp fire in winter my head and body might be warm enough, but my legs might be in an atmosphere below zero."

"Didn't the enemy make a target of you?"

"Not so much as you might think, though my Colossal need to make me down and form the men behind me out of the enemy's sight."

Later in the evening some one happened to mention Farson Brownlow.

"Oh, I knew him well," said the Captain.

"There was only a mountain between his house and mine. I used to go over the mountain with him."

Captain and Mrs. Bates are small eaters. They were served yesterday with the same portions as their guests. One of their intimate friends said this was not a point of etiquette, but that they were always as abstemious. Mrs. Bates is a trifle taller than the Captain, but she rarely refers to the fact for fear of wounding her husband's feelings.

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